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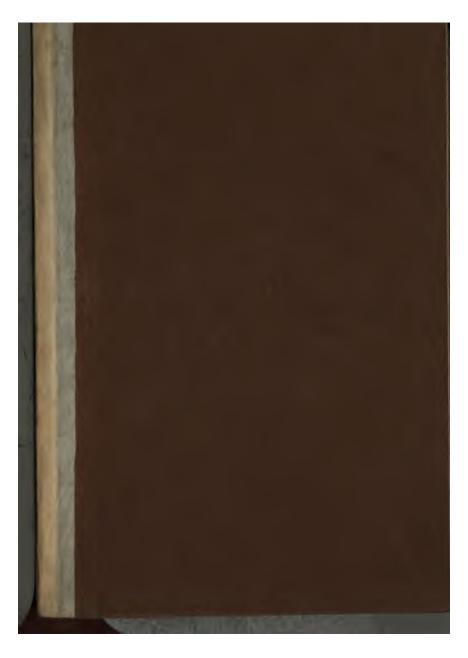
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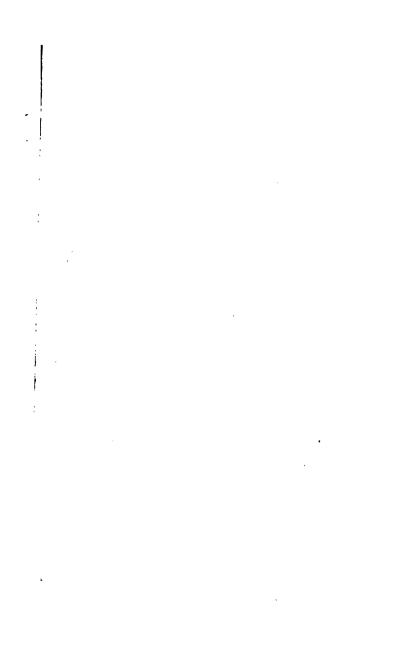
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# HERODOTUS APUD OLYMPIAM MUSAS SUAS RECITANS.

#### CARMEN LATINUM

IN THEATRO SHELDONIANO RECITATUM

DIR JUNII XII MDCCCL.



ἐσσὶ γὰρ ἄγγελος ὀρθὸς, η ϋκόμων σκυτάλα Μοισαν, γλυκύς κρητήρ άγαφθέγκτων άοιδᾶν.

Pind. Olymp. vi.

## OXONII:

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# HERODOTUS APUD OLYMPIAM MUSAS SUAS RECITANS.

Jam patris Alphei ripas, et dædala Pisæ
Pascua, et æternùm ridentia¹ ceperat arva
Alta quies: jam detonuit stridorque rotarum,
Armorumque tubæque fragor, plaususque faventûm.
Orta accendebat latum² lux aurea flumen,
Ultima quæ ludos sacris festâque choreâ
Clauderet;—alma dies, quum, parto munere lætus,
Numinibus victor grates solvebat amicis.³
Tum, Saturne,⁴ tui si quis de vertice collis
Pinifero totum lustrabat desuper æquor,
Camporum spatia, et radiantes sole tabernas,⁴
Signaque⁴ densatas inter lucentia frondes,—
Pulvere qua nuper misceri cuncta videret,
Et fulvam assiduè summitti in cærula nubem,
Nunc festas adoleri aras, nunc ordine longo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the beauty of the scenery at Olympia see Cramer's Ancient Greece, vol. iii. s. 17; Leake's Morea, i. chap. 1; and Wordsworth's Greece.

<sup>2 &#</sup>x27;Αλφεὸν εὐρὺ ῥέοντα.—Pind. Ol. v.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For a description of the sacrifices and processions of the fifth and last day of the games, see Voyage du Jeune Anacharsis, vol. ii.

<sup>4</sup> εὐδείελον Κρόνιον, Pind. Ol. i. Κρόνιον λόφον, ν. ὑψηλοῖο πέτραν ἀλίβατον Κρονίου, νι. Κρόνου λόφφ, viii. Κρόνου ὅχθον, ix. καὶ πάγον Κρόνου προσέφθεγξατο (speaking of Hercules), x.

<sup>5</sup> Olympia was a great resort of merchants. See Dict. of Antiquities.

<sup>6</sup> On the numerous statues which crowded the grove see Cramer, Leaker. Wordsworth, &c.

Cerneret ire agmen, celebresque incedere pompas. In medio, cinctique oleà palmæque gerentes Præmia, victores equitant, clarive vehuntur Laurigero curru: plausu quos cetera turba Prosequitur: Divis alacres solennia reddunt Vota omnes, resonatque per arva frequentia Pæan.

At fama interea percurrit nuntia cœtum
Advenisse virum, roseos qui viderat ortus
Solis, et australes hæc extra sidera terras;
Quo non Alcides, Asiæ non victor Iacchus
Processit; quanquam pater his Saturnius esset.
Quos mores, quot quæque habeat miracula tellus
Hunc scripsisse, opibus quarum bellique paratu
Jactantem indignata refregit Græcia Medum.
Ergo illi cupida mox circumfusa corona
Turba omnis fremere, ingentique undare tumultu,
Multa rogans, rerumque ardens cognoscere summam;
Ut belli gesta edoceat, remque ordine pandat
Sollicitans; juvat egregios didicisse labores
Grajugenûm, laudesque suorum audire parentum.

Sacra Jovi, medio stetit ædes ardua luco
Phidiacæ¹ magnum qua mirabantur Achivi
Artis opus, quod, mixtum auro niveoque elephanto,
Nil hominis spirabat, inenarrabile textum.
Quin hoc fulmineo divinitus igne ferebant
Accendisse, atque omne suo complêsse Tonantem
Numine:² sedit ibi solio rex Jupiter alto,
Majestate gravis placidâ vultuque tremendus,
Qualis ubi summâ quondam sublimis in arce,
Fulmine jam posito lenique innoxius ore,
Annuit:—at nutu terra omnis, pontus, et æther

See Dict. of Biography, art. Phidias, and Wordsworth and Cramer.
See Wordsworth.

Contremuêre simul, fugitque exterritus orbis.¹
Arbiter aspectu tali ludosque tuetur
Ipse suos, sacrumque nemus, subjectaque rura.
Astat oliva, Istri umbrosis quam fontibus ortam²
Alciden posuisse ferunt, ubi condidit aram
Primus, et hæc magno statuit certamina Patri.

Scilicet huc veniens sanctæ stat limine sedis Herodotus: populorum huc ingens volvitur unda. Atque increbrescit querulo stridore susurrus. Despicit, et tumuêre insueto pectora visu. Namque hic Sparta ferox et longis Attica pubes Jam positis odiis innoxia prælia miscent. Thessalus huc eques, atque ovium nunc immemor Arcas Venerat, et bimaris mercator ab arce Corinthi. Quin et quos Pontus, quos mollis Ionia misit, Quotquot et Ægæos intersita plurima fluctus Insula, non aberant; quicunque Œnotria rura, Oppida qui Siculum tot prætexentia littus, Cyrenenve colunt Libycam, vinetave potant Massiliæ; -- gaudent populi quot nomine Graio, Inde ubi Caucasiæ surgunt ad sidera turres Herculeos usque ad scopulos solemque cadentem. Ille animum yariâ paulisper imagine rerum Pascit: at in majus clamorem assurgere vulgi

l Phidias himself said he had in view Hom. II. a., 528. "The idea which Phidias essayed to embody in this, his greatest work, was that of the supreme deity of the Hellenic nation, no longer engaged in conflicts with the Titans and the Giants, but having laid aside his thunderbolt, and enthroned as a conqueror, in perfect majesty and repose, ruling with a nod the subject world, and more especially presiding, at the centre of Hellenic union, over those games which were the expression of that religious and political union, and giving his blessing to those victories which were the highest honour that a Greek could gain."—Dict. of Biography and Mythology.

² ἐλαίας· τάν ποτε "Ιστρου ἀπὸ σκιαρᾶν παγᾶν ἔνεικεν 'Αμφιτρυωνιάδας.—Pind. Ol. iii. where the whole story is given.

Sensit ubi, atque inhiare arrectis auribus omnes, Incipit:—extemplò capitur gravitate loquentis Turba, et detumuit confusa per agmina murmur. Haud aliter quam cum pelagi vis magna coorta est, Concordesque furunt fluctus cum turbine venti, Neptunus caput extulerit,—cecidère furores, Arrident domino facie sua regna serena, Et faciles Tritones aprica per æquora ludunt.

Quippe illum mirâ captos dulcedine sensus Devinxisse ferunt, quantum nec Thracius Orpheus, Nec suavi Aonius1 potuit testudine vates. At rerum immensam seriem quo carmine dicam? An memorem tantæ tam parva exordia pugnæ, Ex quo prædonum velis se albescere pontus Vidit, et Europam atque Asiam concurrere fatis? An Lydos repetam divinâ ab origine reges, Teque simul, fatalis Halys, dirosque camelos? Aut ut delinita viri penderet ab ore. Intenta ut biberet mellitas Græcia voces. Seu demulcebat surdos delphinas Arion (Harmoniæ tantúm ars valuit), sive Atticus hospes ? Felicem<sup>3</sup> patriis cæsum referebat in armis, Aut fratrum æternos, pietatis præmia, somnos: Seu, nato imperioque orbus, rex denique sentit, Quid Tyriæ vestes, quid rura uberrima prosint, Auriferique amnes; hominum quam gloria fallax. Invidiosum urget quos Numen, tollere in altum Semper amans humiles, et deturbare superbos.

Jamque tuos casus enarrat, cura Deorum! Cyre! animos prodens regali sanguine dignos Jam puer, et parvos inter spectande sodales.

Amphion. 2 Solon. 3 Tellus, the Athenian, 4 Cleobis and Biton. 5 Creeus.

Haud secus ac decuit, quem tantum condere regnum Dîs placet, imperioque Asiæ complectier orbem.

Haud mora: te veniente aulis excessit avitis

Medus; Achæmenidæ Lydå dominantur in arce:
En! tibi nequicquam Babylon tutamina muri
Coctilis opposuit; centenarum ærea frustrå
Robora portarum et circumdata flumina jactat;
Frustrå opera illa manûs, animos testata viriles,
Fœmineæ, Belique eductum ad sidera templum.
Deseruit loca nota, viamque dat hostibus amnis.
I, victor, percurre Asiam! muliebre¹ futurus
Ludibrium: capite avulso, truncumque cadaver,
Sangninis insanum tandem satiabis amorem.

Persarumne adeò ritus, et sacra Magorum
Mystica transiero? queis nempe aut sculpta vereri
Marmora, fumantesve aras cumulare Sabæo
Thure nefas: non his Ephyrææ serta columnæ
Luxuriosa placent, nec Ionica gratia cordi,
Ipsa nec incultæ majestas Dorica formæ.
At monte in summo—quà cælo immista patenti
Mens aliquid sublime sæpit, rebusque fatetur
Esse Deum—genibus flexis tua numina adorant,
Jupiter omniparens, immensi spiritus orbis.
Vos quoque, rerum elementa, et te, pulcherrima Luna,
Teque, ignis lucisque simul fons vivide, Mithras,
Ritè colunt; vobis mactatur cæspite puro
Victima, vestra canit sanctus primordia mystes.

Parvula nec magnas inter tot Ionia gentes Illaudata latet; spirat cui Numen' aquarum Leniùs, atque vices varias benè temperat anni.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tomyris, queen of the Massagetæ. <sup>2</sup> Herod. i. 181. <sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Poseidon was the national god of the Ionians, and their common temple (Panionium) was dedicated to him. It stood on Mycale.

Flabra Arctoa absunt, nec iniquos spicea soles Herba timet; Zephyrorum hic semper amabile frigus, Semper terra virens, semper sine nubibus æther.

At viden' ut stupuit lætå formidine vulgus. Ægypti dum cuncta tuis miracula Graiis Suaviloquo, pater, ore canis?—tecum omnia circum Vellem equidem comes ire, brevis nî me hora vetaret. Te, Sophiæ nutrix, Graiæ cunabula Musæ, Terra vetus, canerem; teque, O-nam muneris arvum Omne tui est2-te, Nile pater, quo freta nec imbres Irriguos poscit, nec durum gleba ligonem.3 Dimovisse umbras fontesque aperire vetustos Mens avet, atque, amni delapsa, evolvere flexus Dædaleasque domos Labyrinthi, et scandere moles Vastas Pyramidum—regalia mausolea. Adde lacum-maris instar-opus quem Mœridos olim Esse ferunt, ductosque per omnia rura canales, Quicquid et oppressæ testans immania plebis Tædia, Niliacos perhibent jussisse tyrannos. An numerem ridenda coli quot monstra palustris Religio docuit? pastor non qualia Graius Fingebat, recubans si quando in valle reductâ Te, Phœbe, aut pulchram juga pervolitare sororem, Viderat, aut prato faciles saltare Napæas. At, quot terra amnisve parit, genus omne ferarum, Liniger antistes coluit: te, corniger Apis, Isidaque ante omnes,-et te, latrator Anubis, Obscœnasque veretur aves fluviique dracones. Quin et credebant, ubi jam formasque per omnes, Perque vices varias, et cuncta animalia Manes Migrârint, Magnique Anni jam clauditur orbis, Humanum errores post mille revisere corpus.4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Herod. 1. 142. <sup>4</sup> Herod. ii. 123.

<sup>2</sup> Herod, il. 5.

<sup>3</sup> Herod. ii. 14,

Quare multiplici condita cadavera bysso Servabant, liquida ne tabe resolveret artus Tempus, et abijcerent veterem dilapsa colorem. Has tamen exsequias carse tribuisse puellæ Haud satis afflicto fertur visum esse parenti.1 Auratâ sed enim jacet illa inclusa juvencâ Isiaco ritu, votique potita quotannis Evehitur, dulcemque videt jam mortua solem.

Quo feror, ambages studio qui captus inani Tales persequerer? nigros ille advolat Indos. Lanigerumque2 refert nemus, atque ingentibus aurum Formicis effossum: Arabum nunc suavia dona, Et thura aligeris celebrat servata colubris.2 Occiduos fluctus, stanno nitidoque frequentes Electro, peragrat: gelidas nunc currit ad Arctos, Et tristes sine sole oras, ubi plumeus imber Cuncta tegit, noctis nunquam non incubat horror. Inde Arimasporum grypumque acerrima dicit Prœlia, et æternâ gaudentes cæde Gelonos,---Irrequietum, immane genus, queis unica pugnas Cura truces miscere, Deus queis unicus ensis.3 Quin penetrare ausus Libven, et inhospita regna. Hic nemora impendent tenebrosa, habitantque leones Horrendi,-tot monstra hominum quot monstra ferarum: Parte aliâ salis aut colles, scatebræve calentes Apparent; herba omnis abest, hominesque feræque, Squalet et undosum ferventibus æquor arenis.4

Ast ubi bis pulsas gentes referebat Eoas, Et Danaos mortem pro libertate petentes, Tunc omnes fervore uno, juvenesque senesque, Accendi, pulchroque rubore ardescere vultus.

<sup>1</sup> Mycerinus. Herod. iv. 62. 185, 191.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These stories are in Herod. iii.

<sup>4</sup> For this twofold division of Libys see Herod. iv.

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Hi veteres lauros, vetus et meminisse peric'lum. Hos ingens famæ sitis urere, et æmula virtus. Te, Marathon, canit, et mirantem carbasa montem Barbarica, atque Helles trajectas curribus undas. Aspice collucent ut versicoloribus armis Littora! ut effervent pictis freta longa carinis! Incedit pharetratus Arabs, Medusque tiaras; Indica lana nitet, Syriæque albentia lina. It, minioque rubens et cinctus pellibus, Afer, Tuque, dolis torti metuende, Sagartie, lori. Undat ager, sonituque pedum tremit excita tellus. At rex, marmoreâ dum s' le elatus obibat Cuncta oculis, populos despectans mille suorum, Flevit, ut in mentem subiit, quòd scilicet horum Haud unum aspiciet reliquum centesimus annus: Ingemuit, flevitque fugacia gaudia vitæ. Heu! nescis quæ fata parant, quantasque ruinas Mox dabis, et quanti cumulabunt stragis acervi Œtæas fauces; freta nec Pagaseïa cernis, Nec Salaminiaco spumantes sanguine fluctus. Hæc non ad patrios ibunt examina Manes Seriùs, occiduæ per iter declive senectæ: Sed ferrum, sed lenta fames et tabida pestis Conficient: quin ipsa animos et robora Graiis Numina dant, hominumque oderunt invida¹ fastus. Vindex Ipse Pater sceleratam fulmine turbam Obruet ; ipse suâ custos super æde sedebit, Totaque sacrilegis juga præcipitabit Apollo. Clarior at qualis per densas sola tenebras Stella nitet Veneris, sic inter inertia corda

<sup>&#</sup>x27; On the divine φβόνος of Herodotus see among other passages the speech of Artabanus to Xerxes, (vii. 10.) where the rout of Delphi, caused by a thunder storm and a panic, was chiefly in the eye of the writer.

Imbellesque animos lucet tua Dorica virtus, Bellatrix regina;—omni laudabilis ævo, Ingenium puguax nî ferrum in viscera matris Vertisset: tuus et meritos tibi reddit honores Herodotus, fidusque pio reveretur amore.

Conticuit: fremitus nonne audis quantus ab omni Intonuit cœtu, velut ingens agmen aquarum Ruptis objicibus?—valles Pisæa remugit, Insuetoque sono stupefactus constitit amnis. Quin omnes circum vox ingeminata cucurrit Arcadiæ colles: resonos dant Mænala plausus; Infremuit Pholoë vicinio patque Erymanthus; Æmula respondent hirti pineta Lycæi.

Unus² erat, qui vulgum inter patresque verendos
Egregios juvenis sermones hauserat aure
Altiùs; ast idem, totus clamoribus æther
Dum reboat, multo prodit sua gaudia fletu.
Aspexit, miro percussus pectora visu,
Herodotus: mentem generosi ardoris imago
Strinxerat; atque patrem dictis affatur amicis:
"O nimiùm felix! tali cui prole beato
Arrident Superi: non segni huic pectore fervet
Doctrinæ studium: celebrabitur hic quoque famâ,
Vivet et omne, mihi comes haud indignus, in ævum.3"
At velut Alphei platanus⁴ quæ plurima ripâ

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Hospitium dat opaca, suis radicibus ortam
Undique miratur rivalem assurgere silvam;
Ipsa tegit, largâque umbrā supereminet omnes:—
Haud aliter per sæc'la tuos gens Æmula passus,
Herodote, insequitur: gaudent evolvere fastos
Terrarum, atque ævi reserare arcana prioris.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Artemisia. Marcell. vit. Thucyd. Wordsworth's Greece.

<sup>2</sup> Thucydides.
3 This story is given in
4 "Its banks are shaded by plane trees."

Te verò nomenque tuum pietate fideli Observant: te—nescio quæ lenimina vocis Nestoreæ, nullique bibens imitabile nectar!— Suspicit Historiæ tellus quam maxima Patrem.

1 Thus Pindar, speaking of himself, says (Ol. vii.):

Καὶ ἐγὼ νέκταρ χυτὸν, Μοισᾶν δόσιν, ἀθλοφόροις ἀνδράσιν πέμπων.

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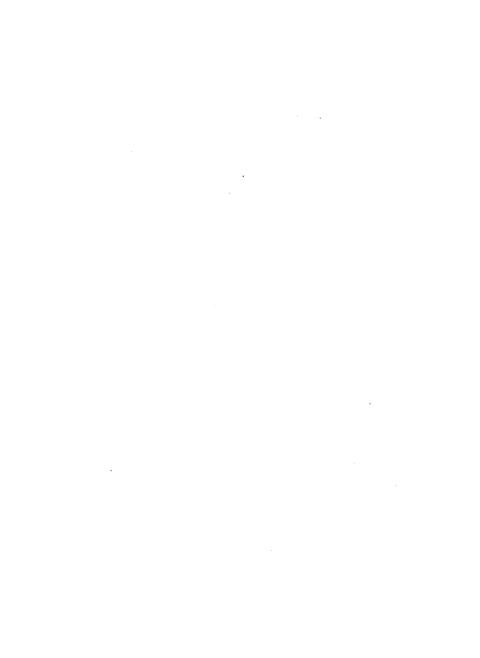
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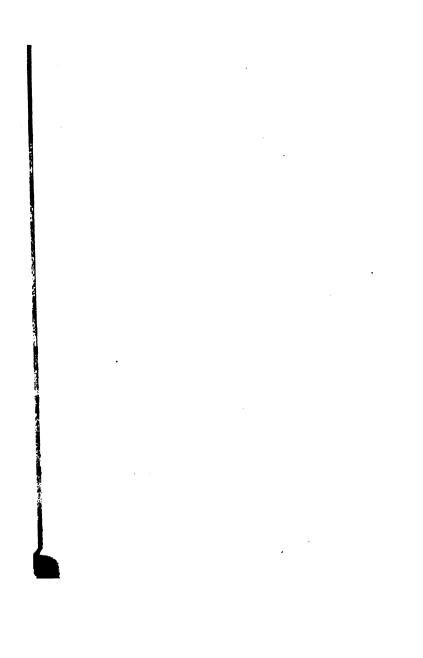


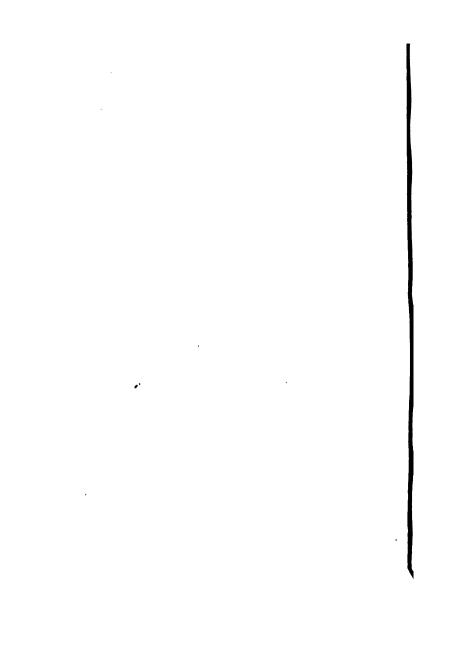
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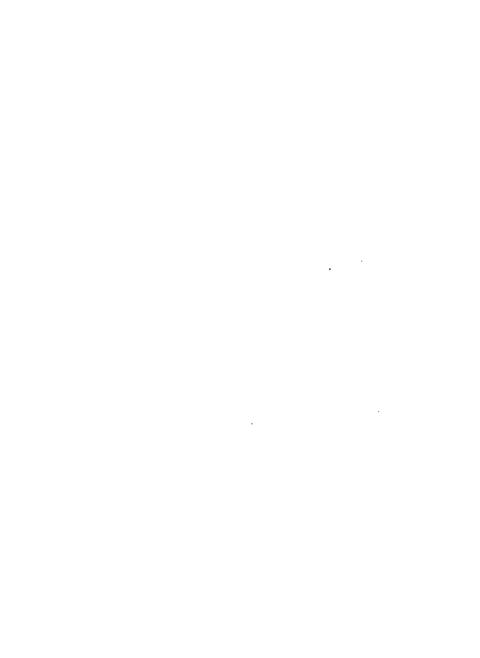




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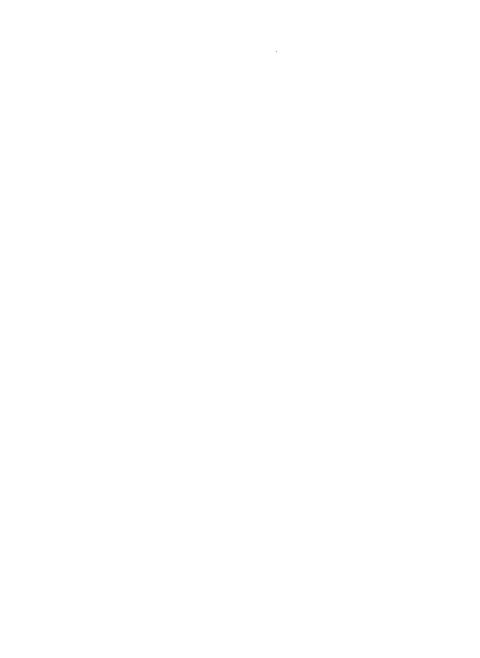
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